

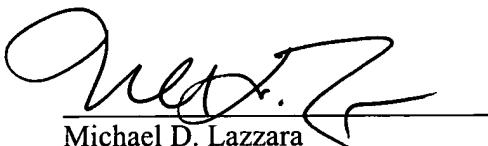
REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action by the Examiner, applicant elects without traverse the claims of Group I (Claims 1-27) for further prosecution in the captioned application.

In accordance with election of the Group I claims, the Group II claims (Claims 28-63) have been canceled from the captioned application by the present amendment. Applicant submits, however, that the Group II claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein. Applicant reserves the right to file an additional application to pursue one or more of the Group II claims, among other potential claims.

Allowance is respectfully requested for all currently pending claims of the captioned application. Any questions associated with the present amendment are invited to the attention of applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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